the PTC. In the absence of this kind of a security arrangement, it will be difficult for any developer to take up the mega projects which are likely to be very low tariff projects due to the various concessions and conditionalities attached to them and no single State will be in a position to purchase the entire output.

(d) The position has already been clarified in reply to the above.

(e) No, Sir. Considering the security mechanism for these projects and also the fact that they are being linked to reforms, it is unlikely that the PTC. would result in a potentially sick unit.

Cut on Plan and Non-Plan expenditure

1442. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the cut imposed by Government on (i) Plan and (ii) Non-Plan expenditure during the year 1998-99;

(b) the main objectives behind imposing these cuts; and

(c) how far Government have been successful in achieving these objectives?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): (a) to (c) No cut was imposed on Plan expenditure during the year 1998-99. However, to effect economy in non-plan expenditure, a 10% cut on non-salary secretariat expenditure was imposed. The results achieved through such cuts have been reflected in the Revised Estimates of 1998-99 presented to the Parliament alongwith BE 1999-2000 on 27th February, 1999.

Cases referred to Debt Recovery Tribunals

1443. SHRI N. THALAVAI SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases referred to the Debt Recovery Tribunals (DRTs) by Indian Bank and Indian Overseas Bank, Bank-wise and year-wise;

(b) the amount of dues involved in these cases; and

(c) the number off cases disposed of and the amount of dues recovered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN): (a) to (c) A Statement showing the position of number of cases referred to Debts Recovery Tribunals by Indian Overseas Bank and Indian Bank during the years, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997 and 1998, amount of dues involved in these cases, number of cases disposed off and amount of dues recovered is given below:

(Amount Rs. in crores)

Indian Overseas Bank	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
No. of cases filed/transferred	13	101	76	99	401
Amount of dues involved	121.53	70.27	42.95	59.57	334.82
No. of cases disposed off	—	—	8	20	49
Amount of dues recovered	—	—	0.13	3.79	8.40